

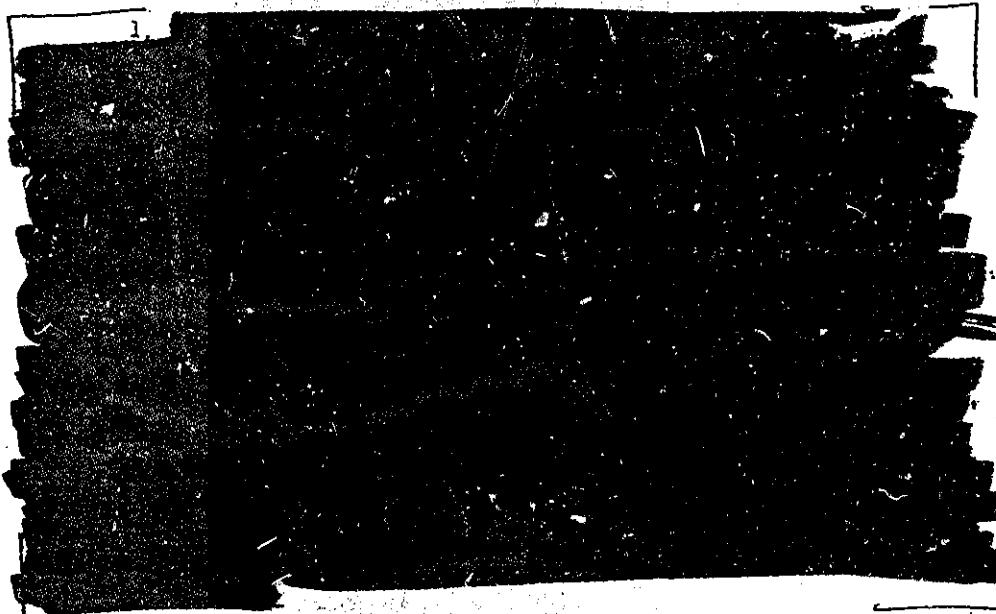
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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Alleged Plans of Viet Cong (VC) Quang Ngai Province Party Committee to Furnish Drugs to U.S. Prisoners of War to Facilitate Debriefings and to Induce Them to Work for the VC



2. According to [REDACTED] of the Civil Health Service of VC Quang Ngai Province, the staff at X-50 Dispensary had completed in early October 1971 the training of medical cadres in the use of heroin and marijuana. The X-50 staff intend to use such drugs to obtain

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information from U.S. prisoners of war (POW's) and to induce POW's to work for the VC in the province.

This camp, which has been recently established with good results on a few U. S. POW's at the VC Province Committee is thought-reform camp. [REDACTED] Comment: The camp is known to be located somewhere in Dak To District, Kontum Province. The number of POW's held there, if any, is unknown.)

3. The VC intend to step up their purchases of heroin and marijuana in Government of Vietnam (GVN)-controlled areas by having VC legal cadres working in dispensaries and clinics steal or buy drugs. The VC will then hire old women and small children to carry the drugs to contested zones, from where VC couriers will take the drugs to the secret zone and turn them over to the VC Quang Ngai Province Party Committee. Carriers will be paid VN\$5,000 (US\$18.18) to transport about 100 small containers of heroin from GVN areas to contested areas. VC agents are not to receive any money for their efforts, but their work for the VC will be noted by the VC Province Party Committee at its next meeting.

4. The drugs will end up with the Province Security and Military Proselyting Sections, which are to work with the Province Medical Section in distributing the drugs to the POW's. After the latter have become addicted, they are to be completely debriefed on all military and political subjects and then induced to work for the VC. The Province Party Committee has ordered the Security and Military Proselyting Sections to use the POW's in the future to help the VC cause.

5. _____ stated that he is convinced that his information on this VC tactic is accurate inasmuch as two _____ had told him substantially the same story.

He added that both [redacted] claimed to have seen U.S. POW's using drugs at the Dispensary. However, it is possible that the statements by [redacted] may reflect merely uninformed speculation on the use of drugs by U.S. soldiers.)